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ASSISTANCE TO HANDICAPPED PERSONS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are extending financial assistance to handicapped persons through a Corporation;

(b) if so, the number of applications received and cleared by the Government in 1999- 2000;

(c) whether any effort has been made to ensure that proper care is taken at the State- level to process applications properly and expeditiously; and

(d) if so, the details of the guidelines issued to State Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

SMT. MANEKA GANDHI

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The number of applications received by the National Handicapped Finance andDevelopment Corporation (NHFDC) during 1999-2000 was 1408 and the number of applications sanctioned was 982.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Detailed guidelines have been issued by NHFDC to State Governments/State Channelising Agencies for processing and forwarding the loan applications. The loan applications are submitted by the beneficiary on the prescribed format of NHFDC to the State Channelising Agency with all the relevant details. The application after scrutiny is forwarded by the State Channelising Agencies (SCAs) to NHFDC for sanction of loanDifferent SCAs have differentmechanisms for processing the application depending on their district/field level infrastructure and the specific instructions issued by the respective State Government.